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Submission deadline is the 20th of the month for event announcements, articles, and artwork. Officers reports are due at officer's meeting.

From the Baron and Baroness

Greetings unto the good populace of Unser Hafen, Bofharrach and Ram's Keep, noble born one and all.

As this missive reaches you may it find your hearth warm, your days bright and your outlook wondrous.

Some would call this the dark times, those traditional days of winter when the nights are long and warming sunshine weak and furtive and the Land aslumber. Yet We find ourselves blessed to be a part of a thriving Barony, folk eager to learn and seek new wonders and stand firm in the Living Dream.

To help uplift these interests and continue the close sense of clan, we will be continuing Populace Meetings the first Sunday of the month. For more details or to see what's happening, please contact the Seneschal's office.

We will be traveling to various events through the coming months and look forward to seeing you there. Many folk of the Barony will be traveling and potentially have empty seats for extra riders, check around for the chance to got to great events outside our Barony.

Estrella is close upon us. We are well pleased with the warlike aspect of those who take up arms to defend the Crown's lands and protect those we hold dear. Truly shall the foe quake in their cups to see the Stone Wolf battlehost enter the fray. Make ready your war gear; head your wagons and horses southward. For we take this war to those who would harm us, that they may know true penance at the tips of our spears.

We are honored to serve the gentlefolk of this gem in the Outlands Crown. May you and yours have plenty in this holy time.

In service to Barony, Canton and College, our beloved Kingdom and the Living Dream, we remain.

Deotrich Leonora

Greeting to the Barony

from Robin of Bristol, acting Chronicler

Ten years ago this month I assembled my first Tosspot solo. Lady Anastazia was stepping down after seven years as chronicler and I had helped do the December Tosspot the month before. She had been doing the the cutting and pasting, very litteraly, on paper and they only part of the Tosspot on the computer was the officer's list and the calender. Transitioning from that to the first entirely computer layed out Tosspot in many years took a lot of work.

Today I find myself in a very different position. Mistress Drahomira was doing a very excellent job as chronicler and I would like to publicly thank her for all her hard work. It has made assembling this Tosspot relatively easy.

Twenty years ago, Fionn Craigh, the fist chronicler, assembled the first Tosspot. It is perhaps the most interesting of all the issues. He included a brief story of what had just transpired to create the incipient shire of Stonehaven (see page 16). I believe Sir Kevin is the only one of those at the first meeting who remains active in the Barony. Lord Güther joined in the first few months. Marshak the Golden Wolf is known to many of us, though we no longer see him at any events.

I remember vividly what it was like ten years ago. I had been in the SCA for just over a year. I attended dance practice, populace meeting, and archery practice on a regular basis while attending the mundate university. I had yet to expand my SCA wardrobe beyond a few simple things I had. All of the clothes I wore back then have since worn out, but the pouch that THL Sean made for me is still going strong.

I had just missed out on taking part in the transformation from shire to barony which had happened just under a year before I joined. It is ironic that it could have been difference. My very first SCA event was the Defender in A.S. XXIII (1988 gregorian). I can't remember how I found out about it. Probably Centertainment the same way I did three years later. I really enjoyed myself. I can remember Sir Kevin, Mistress Theresea, and Mistress Aileen being there as well as the King and Queen. It was at Spring Creek Park on September 17, a nice sunny fall day. There was a game played with bean-bag frogs. Unfortunately, events in my mundane life put thoughts of the SCA out of my mind for a while and three years later I was actually looking for the table at Centertainment. Lord Francis was there with his bow and invited me to the next archery practice.

Some of you might connect my name Robin with the famous (or infamous) Robin Hood. Although I started in the SCA as an archer, I got my name from a character in my favorite novel. I chose Bristol because of my love of the eighteenth century sailing ships and the phrase "ship shape in Bristol fashion" which I had recently been reminded of. That of course gave me an english personna.

When I was new to the SCA, some of the older members would give personna talks, usually at populace meetings. I always dreaded being conned into doing something like that, but as

a writer I should write one up and share it. If the idea inspires any other member or friend of the Barony to do the same, feel free to submit it to the Tosspot.

So, as our newsletter celebrates Twenty years in print, it is time for a face lift. This month's cover was created just for this issue. It's a design copied from one that was used about fifteen years ago. Next month a new cover design will grace the Tosspot. My thanks to THL Sean Ui Neill for designing the previous cover which has been in use for over five years and holds the record for the longest lasting cover design. I hope the new design meets with everyone's approval.

I would like to thank the previous chroniclers who's dedication has made this twentith anniversary of the Tosspot possible.
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Sir Kevin McKinnon
Lady Anastazia Winogradzka
Mistress Rosalind of Wellmark
Lady Graine ni Domhnaill
Lady Arianrod ni Conchobhar
Lord Nicolas le Faulconer
Mistress Drohimira Jaroslavna

In service to Their Excellencies and the Barony,
Robin of Bristol

Scribes Office

Greetings and Well Met!

s the season for scrolls is slow at this time, I am working on getting backscrolls done. We started this process by completing Thorfinn's Stag's Heart from 1996 and presented this to him at UH Yule. Thanks to Lady Ekatarina for completing this scroll. There are still many backscrolls out there assigned and with recipients waiting and I have two backscrolls I need to assign. So if you would like to start one please contact me. We will not have any assignments for a while so this is a good chance for those of you with scrolls already assigned to you to work on them as will not being giving you more to do. If there is interest, we could look into having a local backscroll competition. I think that might be fun especially after seeing all the beautiful scrolls that came from THL Ailhidcinna's recent fighters scroll challenge. If anyone needs to know where a personal backscroll is or has one to turn in, please contact me. Also if you would like to know more about the scribal arts or would like to talk to me about doing a backscroll or scroll blank, feel free to contact me at (970) 667-3330 or arnden@yahoo.com.

Yours in Service,
Arnden van der Aa

Office of the Gold Key

Greetings and Well Met!

We have recently instituted the Office of the Gold Key so I feel that perhaps I should tell everyone what the office does. As Gold Key, I am in charge of the Baronial loaner garb. So I have made about 4 dresses and 2 tunic plus many people have donated old garb to be used. I take this garb, normally in the trunk of my car to events. If anyone at the event (newcomer or old fogie alike) needs garb, I will loan some to him or her. All they have to leave is something like a Driver's License or their car keys, which I will return to them when they return the garb to me. I am lacking in children's garb so if you have some old garb from your munchkin you no longer need, I would be willing to take it off your hands. I will honestly take any old garb you do not need to keep variety in the loaner garb. Also if you have a friend who is looking to start playing but does not have garb. I can work out an arrangement and we can get them some garb to use for a while. So if you would like to know more or need to use this great service, feel free to contact me at (970) 667-3330 or arnden@yahoo.com.

Yours in Service,
Arnden van der Aa

From The Hospitaller

Greetings

Reminders:
a) I have a couple copies of the "Known World Handbook" still available. They're $15. Email Hospitaler@unserhafen.org.
b) Also, I have the Baronial Library at my house available to check out for research purposes. Books on just about every topic. Email or call (203-4939) if you would like to take a look at what there is.
c) If you have not received your Special Edition December Tosspot - please let me know by email.

In service,
Kirka

Sewing Circle Update

Greetings and Well Met!

As the event schedule has slowed over these wonderful winter months, so too has the interest in sewing circle. As I have faithfully been here every Saturday waiting all day in some cases for someone to show up. I am now asking that if people would like to sew on a specific Saturday they email or call me and tell me. I will be home if there is interest but on days when no one plans on coming I could get a lot of other things accomplished. So what I am saying is if you want to come sew on Sat. call me or email me a couple of days before so I can plan on being there otherwise I might not be home. Now is a great time to get garb done for WAR or summer events, so I hope to see more of you and more often. Contact me at (970) 667-3330 or arnden@yahoo.com.

Yours in Service,
Arnden van der Aa

List of Events

January 4, 2003
Caerthen Twelfth Night: Lords of Chance - Ladies of Luck
(Caerthe / HawkÆs Hollow - Denver)
January 11
Citadel Twelfth Night (Citadel) Dimiana 915-842-8603
Platfordham Twelfth Night (Plattefordham) Seamus 307-266-2083
January 25, 2003
Winter Oasis (Unser Hafen -Loveland)
February 1
Candlemas (Dragonsspine) Donnachadh 719-382-7626
February 12-17, 2003
Estrella War (Kingdom of Atenvelt - near Flagstaff, Arizona)
http://www.estrellawar.org
February 28
Carnivale (Caer Galen) Max 303-666-6885
March 15
Dance Collegium and Fairy Ball (Unser Hafen)

Notice: Per the Board of Directors there is a mandatory non-member surcharge or $3 on all site fees.

Populace Meeting

St. John's Church, 305 E Elizabeth, Fort Collins
5pm to 9pm

We will be holding our Populace meetings at St John's Lutheran Church in Fort Collins at 5pm. Food will be served, and there will probably be dancing and a class.

Contact:
Lady Kirka Bjornsdottir
203-4939
hospitaler@unserhafen.org

Directions:
St John's Lutheran Church, 305 E. Elizabeth, Fort Collins

From 287 (across from the CSU Field House) go east on Elizabeth. The church is 3 blocks in, on the right. Parking is in the back, or on the side street - Mathews. Entrance is on the SE corner of the building.

Winter Oasis

Barony of Unser Hafen
January 25th, 2003

Mountain Range Shadows Clubhouse: 8401 Mummy Range Dr. Ft. Collins, CO 80528
Site Fee: $ 6.00 (includes snack buffet and drinks) Make checks payable to "SCA-Unser Hafen" Site is discreetly wet
Site opens at 7:00 PM, site closes when the autocrat gets tired.

Directions:

From the South - Take I-25 North to Exit 259. Turn right onto the frontage road on the West side of I-25. Go 2.1 miles north to the first Mountain Range Shadows Entrance and turn left into the entrance. Turn right at the first cross street, which is Mummy Range Road. The clubhouse is on the left about a half block down.

From the North - Take I-25 South to Exit 262. Turn left onto the frontage road on the West side of I-25. Go 1 mile South to the second Mountain Range Shadows Entrance and turn right into the entrance. Turn right at the first cross street, which is Mummy Range Road. The clubhouse is on the left about a half block down.

SCA signs will be at the correct Mountain Range Shadows Entrance.

Do the rhythms of the drums warm your body from the winter's chill? Does the sway of a dancer's hips melt the icy frost and fill your soul with heat? Follow the sound of Sheherezade's voice and be whisked away on a magic carpet ride to the land of Aladdin. Jump on Sinbad's ship and set sail for the Winter Oasis. Join the Barony of Unser Hafen for a Thousand and One Arabian Nights all crammed into one amazing evening.

The event will open with performances of dance, music, and storytelling, a sumptuous snack buffet (hummus and breads, fresh and pickled vegetables, olives and spreads, sweet and savory cheeses, fruits and pastries, teas and secanjebin), and exotic merchants displaying their wares. During the hafla we will have a "Belly Dance for the Terminally Shy" class taught by Mistress Brianna as well as basic Middle Eastern line dances for men and women taught by Syr Alexander and m'lady Nazmiye.

Not a dancer or a musician? Then join our other fun for the evening. THLord and Lady, Bjorn and Rozsa, will be running a turban competition. Wrap you head in your finest, your biggest, or simply your most outlandish adornments! There will be on-site wrapping instruction and some materials. Prizes awarded in several categories. We will also have a Middle Eastern storytelling competition, so bring your tales of love and war set in foreign lands of the East to share with us during the night. Please keep the entries short as we have limited time (unlike Sheherezade) and employ whatever devices you feel necessary: music, dance, costume, etc. to convey your story. Prizes will be given for the most entertaining tales.

If you're interested in merchanting and your wares are of an eastern nature please contact the autocrat ASAP to make arrangements as we have limited space.

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Mistress of the Snacks: Mistress Meriel of Tay (Susan Clotfelter) 2889 SW Sixth St. Loveland, CO 80537 (970) 461-0282 clotfelter@frii.com

Caerthen Twelfth Night

Lords of Chance...Ladies of Luck
Twelfth Night Competitions
Competition Coordinator: Lady Natalia

These competitions will be open to all event attendees, except where noted.
Those that wish to test their knowledge and craftsmanship of items or representations of the superstitious, their skill and luck in period games of chance and mastery of period costuming can compete in three separate categories throughout the day and evening. Contest judging times and locations will be announced during opening announcements. Though these categories can be competed in separately, individuals who vie for the Lord of Chance and Lady of Luck honorary titles must compete in all three. All contests will occur prior to evening court. During feast, the Lord of Chance and the Lady of Luck category winners and champions will be announced and awarded their prizes.

Competition #1
"Maker of the Mystical" - Charms of Luck - Arts & Sciences Competition

Premise: Delve into the superstitions of the past. Entries for this competition are charms, talismans or other visible means of displaying of endowing oneself with luck, protection or prosperity. All entries must be something that may have been carried or worn by your persona or someone else within the period parameters for this event (79 a.d.-1600ÆS). Some possible examples could be the use of Nordic runes on items or clothing or Roman spirit beans.
The cutoff time for entries will be announced, prior to the event.
Documentation is appreciated, but not required to enter.
If a competitor enters more than one item for judging, his/her scores will be averaged.

Contest #2
"Dicer Extraordinaire" - Games of chance competition

Premise: How grand of a dicer are you? Competitors will attempt to embrace the mirth and mischievousness of Lord Chance while courting the blessings of Lady Luck as they test their skills at the Dicing DragonÆs gaming tables.
Contestants will attempt to win the most coins or at least keep from losing all their coins the longest. Contest will be concurrent with the Dicing Dragon, therefore, contestants will not receive any preferential treatment and therefore will be subject to all the rules and conditions of play (i.e. Finding an opening at a table, visiting the cashier for change, etc.) experienced by non-competing participants.
A number of game coins will be given to all event attendees (ages 12 and over) at the front entrance to the event. Each event attendee will receive 5, 7 or 10 gaming coins, as determined by random draw. There is no fee to participate in this historical gaming exhibition. Coins have no cash value and additional coins cannot be purchased or replaced.
Contestants must be at least twelve years of age, or older to compete in this category.
A copy of rules and method of play for each game will also be available for all event attendees at the front entrance.

Contest#3
"Clothier of Fortune" - Costume contest

Premise: Now that you've had the chance to show us your knowledge of superstition and how well you embody the attributes of our honorees, can you envision and craft a look suitable only for the true Lord of Chance and Lady of Luck? Competitors will create and wear costumes that they would envision the Lord of Chance and the Lady of Luck to wear.

Judging criteria will be:
-Incorporation of the theme colors of red and black.
-Documentation.
-Explanation why this costume most accurately reflects the spirit/embodiment of the Lord of Chance or Lady of Luck. This may be included with the documentation or given orally during presentation and judging.
-Incorporation of facets from category #1 and #2.

If you have questions please contact the Contest Coordinator and Canton Arts and Sciences Minister: Lady Natalia @ artsandsciences@hawkshollow.org

Event contact info:
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303-341-5765 rhatcher@tribune.com

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2100 W. 100th Ave. #467 Thornton, CO 80260
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Chef: Mistress Mirianna Wrenne of Ravenswood (Valerie Oswald)
303-394-4003 Email: valerieo@milehigh.net

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wedne
			Middle Easte 7:30 PM Empire Grang
5 Fighter/Fencer Practice 2-5 PM War Practice CSU Field house Populace Meeting 5 PM	6 Equestrian Practice CSU Equine Center	7	Middle Easte 7:30 PM Empire Grang
12 Fighter/Fencer Practice 2-5 PM CSU Field house	13 Dance Practice 7 PM Lory Student Center	14	Middle Easte 7:30 PM Empire Grang
19 Fighter/Fencer Practice 2-5 PM CSU Field house	20 Tosspot articles due Equestrian Practice CSU Equine Center Officer's Meeting	21	Middle Easte 7:30 PM Empire Grang
26 Fighter/Fencer Practice 2-5 PM War Practice CSU Field house	27 Dance Practice 7 PM Lory Student Center	28	Middle Easte 7:30 PM Empire Grang

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1 rn Dance ge	2 Fencing Practice 6:30-8:30 PM Ferguson High School	3	4 Caerthen Twelfth Night
8 rn Dance ge	9 Fencing Practice 6:30-8:30 PM Ferguson High School	10	11 Citadel Twelfth Night Plattfordham Twelfth Night
15 rn Dance ge	16 Fencing Practice 6:30-8:30 PM Ferguson High School	17	18
22 rn Dance ge	23 Fencing Practice 6:30-8:30 PM Ferguson High School	24	25 Winder Oasis 7 PM
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Estrella War

Greetings unto the Populace of Mighty Unser Hafen, fierce gateway to the frozen north!

It is time once again to feel the drumbeats in your heart and gird yourself for battle, Estrella War (February 12-17, 2003) is coming! There are many things to think about and to do before you pack your car and head south to the green hills of Estrella.

If you think you are going to go, we urge you to pre-register! Please also let us know if you are planning on going. We have to reserve space for our group that will be large enough. You don't have to know for sure that you can - just let us know that if you can, you are going.

We will have another fundraiser; so if you wish to apply to the Scholarship fund to go to war, make sure to let us know. You will be asked to work some volunteer hours at war; the Barony is paid a percentage of the profits from War based on the number of hours our people worked. And you get to meet fun people from all over the Known World!

We need someone to volunteer to be Camp Coordinator. The CC helps plan the encampment, coordinating with Kingdom (Lord Ryan) and police the set up to the plan. It is required that you be there are the very beginning of the war to help us set up all the tents right.

The Barony needs someone to volunteer to coordinate the food plan. The food plan has taken many different shapes over the years. It has been just hot water and packets of instant oatmeal, coffee, and tea in the morning; serve yourself sandwiches for lunch; and a nice hot meal for dinner. Or we have had 3 wonderful sumptuous meals every day, pampered in every way. Helping with the food plan is a wonderful way for to contribute to the war effort without getting sweaty.

Important dates to remember:

October 31, 2002
Last day for the $5 pre-registration discount and the last day to pay with a personal check!

November 30, 2002
Last day to get a Parking lot or Perimeter parking pass with your paid pre-registration (Close in parking is paid this year ($20), there is free parking at a distance (about a mile away - there will be shuttle service), first come-first served, one permit per registration)

December 31, 2002
Last day to pre-register and save yourself a lot of hours in line at the gate!

DON'T FORGET TO...
... pre-register by October 31, 2002 if you are paying with a personal check!
... to pay with a cashiers check or money order if sending your form in after October 31, 2002.
... include a copy of your membership card to get the member discount.

... include a self-addressed (& stamped) envelope so your confirmation can be returned to you.

The site is currently under construction, but there is a lot of good information here. This is where can you find the pre-registration form. Bookmark it and check it often!
http://www.estrellawar.org/

Remember, every pre-registration helps!

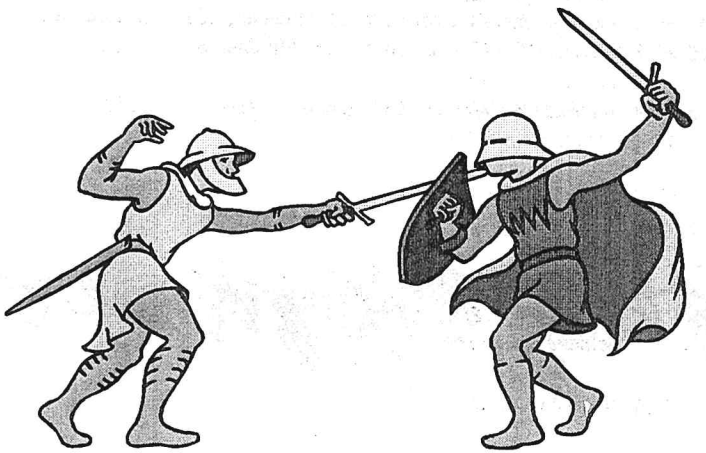
The Kingdom's Land Coordinator is:
Lord Ryan Brunloc
Outlands Liason, Estrella XIX
505-265-3142
brunlocr@aol.com

As soon as possible, we need to give Lord Ryan the following information. So when you contact us to let us know you are going, make sure to let us know the following:
Number of people:
Number of tents: - Include kitchen tents and shades here
Dimensions of anything larger than 15x15 included in the above:
Who to contact if I need more information:
Contact information for them:
Any special needs:

Thank you for your attention to these details!

All the best,
Deotrich and Leonora

P.S. It sounds like there is going to be Equestrian Activities back again! This is not to be missed! The costumes people make for their horses and themselves are beyond belief!



Unser Hafen Dance College and Fairy Ball

Barony of Unser Hafen March 15th, 2003

Larimer County Fairgrounds, Loveland, CO.
Site opens at 12:00 PM and closes at 11:00 PM
Site fees: $9 per adult, ($6 with membership card)
Children 6-12 $3, Children under 6 Free
Feast Fee $8 per adult, Children 6-12 $4, Children under 6 Free
Checks payable to SCA-Unser Hafen
Site is dry
Merchants please contact the autocrat.

Directions: From I-25, take exit 255 West 5 miles. Go North on Roosevelt Ave. 1/2 mile. Fairgrounds complex is on the East side of the street.

Their Excellencies of Unser Hafen invite one and all to come to Their barony and learn the joys of dance. The favorite dances of the northern Outlands will be taught by it's local dance masters. We hope to have dance manuals and CDs available at a minimal cost. Bring a costume or make fairy wings on site for the evenings festivities. Then join us in Oberon's kingdom for the Grand Fairy Ball.

Schedule:
1:00 Dance Classes/Feast Buffet Opens
6:00 Court (approximately)
7:00 Fairy Ball

The feast will be buffet style and served throughout the day, allowing hungry dancers to eat without getting in the way of the dancing. The feast will highlight some of Unser Hafen's best cooks.

Feast is limited: Please send reservations to the autocrat.

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In The Beginning

Prior to the organizational meeting of the incipient shire which exists in the area mundanely called Fort Collins, Colorado, there was but small activity relative to the Current Middle Ages. Significantly, there was a demonstration of the arts of sword-play and dying given at the Medieval Faire, held in the month of October and sponsored by a mysterious group which calls itself "The Foothills Unitarian Church."

Following this there were regular fighter practices held each Saturday. Finally, on November 6, 1982 (C.E.) an organizational meeting was held in the dwelling of Marshak the Golden Wolf and Morrigan at 1713 Pecan.

At this revel, officers were elected for the shire. Also discussed was the matter of Society memberships, medical forms for fighter practice, the absence of a location for indoor fighter practice (a necessity in the vile climate which graces this benighted area for about half of the year), Caerthen Twelfth Night, the possibilities of a prize tourney to be held in this shire, and some of the logistics of attending a war held in the somewhat warmer southern reaches (volunteers should be plentiful at that time of year). Naming the shire was discussed, but deferred until the next revel due to a small dissenting minority.

The meeting was ended with great rejoicing and followed with a bardic circle.

On December 5, 1982 a revel was held at the haven of Christopher Longstaff and Arlena of Stonymede. At the business meeting, a name was selected for our shire. According to the vote, the first choice for our name was Stone Haven, the second choice was Dun Cuhlain and the third choice was Harp Sword.

The name of the newsletter was announced, and ratified by rousing and unanimous acclamation. The meeting was concluded amid much joy. What followed included eating, gaming, dancing and song.

(reprinted, with minor editing, from the first Tosspot)

Stonehaven was made a Shire on June 23, A.S. XIX, or 1984 gregorian, by Freana, Rex and Richenda, Regina. After a forced name change, Unser Hafen was invested as a Barony on October 6, A.S. XXV, or 1990 gregorian, by Artan III, Rex and Aziza, Regina.

Baronage

Sir Kevin & Mistress Ismenia 10/90 - 8/92

Sir Kevin 8/92 - 7/94

Lord Akira (Vicar) 7/94 (1 day)

Sir Titus & THL Llamrei 7/94 - 7/97

Master Thorfinn & Mistress Rosalind 7/97 - 10/99

Lord Tuman & Mistress Rashiqah 10/99 - 1/02

Sir Deotrich & Baroness Leonora 1/02 - present

Happenings in the Barony

20 years ago

The incipient Shire of Stonehaven
Caerthen Twelfth Night
Principality of the Outlands Coronetting
Preparations for the Burro Creek War (Estrella 0)
Sir Kevin McKinnon was Knight Marshall
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15 years ago

The Shire of Uns Hafen
Caerthen Twelfth Night
Mistress Teresea was Seneschal
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The Kingdom of the Outlands had joint Crown Tournament/A&S Competition and Coronation/A&S Competition on the calender
Estrella IV was approaching

10 years ago

Unser Hafen Had been a Barony for just over two years
Sir Kevin was Baron
Caerthen Elizabethan Twelfth Night
Mistress Rosalind was Seneschal
Baron Tuman was Deputy Knight Marshal
Master Tamlene was Treasurer (Exchequer)
Lord Robin was Deputy Chronicler
(and did the entire Tosspot by computer making it much easier to read)
Sir Titus was Archer Marshall
Sir Alexandyr MacAndrew (then known as Lord Akira) was Hopitaller
Estrella IX was nearing
There was no BoFharrach or Ram's Keep
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5 years ago

Master Thorfinn and Mistress Rosalind were Baron and Baroness
Caerthen Twelfth Night
Winter Oasis III
Estrella XIV was on the horizon
Lord Theopompus was Knight Marshall
Lord Robert Stewart was Knight Marshall for Fence
Mistress Theresea was Chancellor of the Exchequer
Lady Aildhcinna Mac Ailpean was Scribe
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Anthem to Unser Hafen

a song by Lady Llamrei Aethnen in honor of Unser Hafen's elevation to baronial status
(to the tune of "Now I See Thy Looks Were Feigned", with apologies)

From the shores of the grassy sea,
From the mighty mountain's feet,
Rose a village, then a tower.
Now a castle guards our bower.
Joyous Outlands, your holds are fair,
But Unser Hafen's beyond all compare.

Refrain: Strong portcullis, golden wall,
Guard our haven, home and all.
Strong portcullis, golden wall,
Guard our haven, home and all.

Orchards, cattle, fields and forest tall;
Treasures these, but prized o'er all
Folk of diverse skill who wield
Every craft in every field.
Warriors brave their lives bestow
To guard them well with sword, rapier and bow.

In Unser Hafen, barony fair,
A knight so noble governs there.
Hail Sir Kevin, baron bold
With warrior's heart and harper's soul.
Generously he rules his land
With scholar's wisdom and artisan's hand.

Mortar and Stone

by Pendar the Bard

Go to the front lines of battle we're ordered;
The first to face glory or death in the fray.
Our King blocks the risk to his realm from invaders
With our golden portcullis to stand in their way.

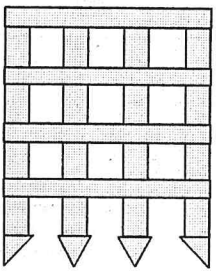
Chorus:
So let foemen be wary who see us before them.
They'd waste far less strength breaching mortar and stone.
For when bold Unser Hafen stands close at the ready
The courage that binds us cannot be torn down.

Of mortar and stone are the walls of a castle
Yet even the strongest may fall to a blow.
But a portcullis shields us with bars if cold iron
And its teeth fall like spears crushing all those below.

Chorus:

When battle is over we stand with our brothers;
We honor their praises though each of us knows
That though it was kingdom that called us to battle
We fight for our house, it's from there our strength flows.

Chorus:



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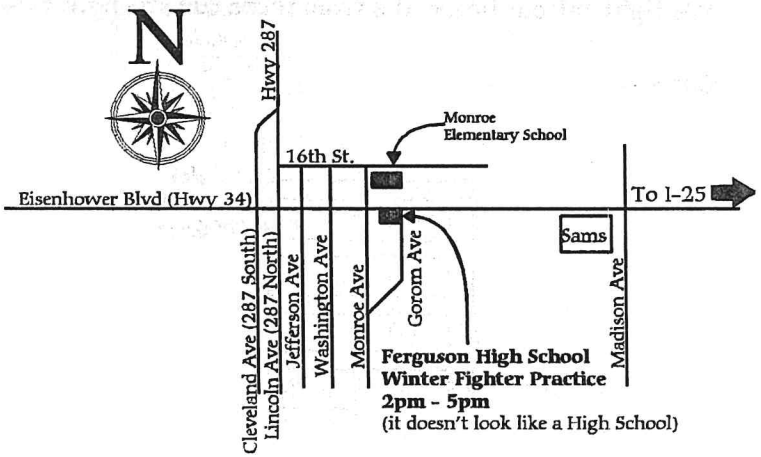

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